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SUBJECT: CZECH REPUBLIC REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR ITS CANDIDACY  
FOR UNSC SEAT

1. (U) The Czech Republic has formally requested USG support for its candidacy for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for the period 2008-09.

2. (U) The unofficial translation of the April 17 diplomatic note is as follows:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Prague and has the honour to remind the latter of the candidature of the Czech Republic for the seat of a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the period 2008-09, at the elections to be held during the 62nd session of the UN General Assembly in autumn 2007.

The decision of the Czech Republic to seek membership of the Security Council is motivated by its belief in the unique role of the UN as an instrument of multilateral action for peace, human security and development and its will to contribute more actively to solution of the current security threats and challenges.

The Government of the Czech Republic would highly appreciate the valuable support that the Government of the United States of America would lend to the candidature of the Czech Republic to a non-permanent seat in the Security Council.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Prague the assurances of its highest consideration."

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